Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 02 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 03 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 01 Oct 2021 at 16:37 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: The main uncertainties lie in the extent of rainfall on Saturday and how far it pushes west. Confidence is high for unsettled weather and strong winds over the weekends and some wintriness on the north Grampians.

Headline for Saturday 02 Oct 2021: Strong southerly winds, rain spreading north, some ranges in the west staying dry.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 02 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain showers (night)	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
30%	10%	20%	20%	60%	60%	20%	20%

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Weather: A few blustery showers in the overnight period but mainly confined to Lochaber and Glen Sheil. Dry and bright start to the day for most areas but cloud soon spilling north as outbreaks of rain spreads north over the area for the afternoon, some outbreaks will be heavy for a time with the odd rumble of thunder. Precipitation is likely to be wintery on Ben Nevis and other higher munros and will turn heavy at times. Rain should clear the western ranges by mid afternoon with some late brightness here but likely to be a wet afternoon for the Trossachs and hills around Calander. Some late afternoon sunshine possible in the west of Argyll and Lochaber hills.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% in the early morning, lowering to 40% in the afternoon as a lot of lower cloud spreads across the hills in association with the showery rain. Improving to 70% again later.

Visibility: Very good visibility at the start of the day but cloud will spread north and begin to lower over summits. Cloud bases during the afternoon will be broken or extensive from 500m and rain or sleet will also cause the visibility to be poor or even very poor at times during the afternoon. Visibility and cloud bases will lift again later for the more westerly ranges of the region.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	38/49 SW	35/45 S	32/42 S	33/44 SE	37/50 SE	26/35 S	15/20 S	11/15 S	14/19 SW
900	27/38 SW	25/35 S	24/33 S	25/35 SE	27/39 SE	19/27 S	11/17 S	8/12 S	10/15 SW
600	36/46 SW	34/43 S	31/40 S	30/39 SE	35/46 SE	21/30 S	12/18 S	8/11 S	10/14 SW
300	21/33 SW	18/28 S	16/26 S	17/27 SE	20/33 SE	12/20 S	6/12 S	6/9 S	5/8 SW
Glen	14/29 SW	11/25 S	9/22 S	10/22 SE	15/30 SE	8/17 S	3/8 SW	3/7 SW	3/9 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-10	-0/-9	-1/-9	-0/-8	0/-8	1/-6	0/-5	-0/-5	-1/-6
900	2/-5	2/-4	2/-4	3/-4	3/-3	4/-2	3/-1	2/-1	2/-2
600	4/-3	4/-2	4/-2	6/0	6/-0	6/1	5/2	5/2	4/0
300	6/2	7/2	7/3	8/4	8/4	8/6	8/6	6/5	6/4
Glen	8/5	8/6	8/6	10/7	10/7	10/9	9/8	7/6	7/6
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1400m	1400m	1300m	1200m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Noticeable wind chill in gales on the summit, although winds easing in the afternoon. Freezing level will rise slightly during the day but precipitation will often be sleet or snow on the higher munro summits.

Forecast for Sunday 03 Oct 2021

Weather: Rain and cloud clearing overnight and a bright and mainly dry start to the day on Sunday but still very strong winds. During the afternoon further outbreaks of rain or showers are likely especially for the western ranges. It is likely to be dry again by the evening.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 20mph with gusts 30mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%, some patches of low cloud in the morning around 700m. In the afternoon in the west chances will lower to 60% with scattered or broken cloud above 600m.

Visibility: Good or very good in the morning on Sunday but falling moderate or poor in the afternoon in rain in the west.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius rising to 6 Celsius later.
Freezing level: 1200m rising to 1400m

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